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## FERS RETIREMENT OFFICERS BULLETIN NO. 3

The first formal informational materials on FERS will be available from OPM in early October. This bulletin describes the materials and how they will be distributed. In addition, the Social Security Administration has provided information on how to obtain pamphlets on SSA benefits.

FERS Booklet

This 24 page booklet contains basic information on the three elements of FERS: the Basic Benefit, Social Security, and the Savings Plan. The booklet is designed to give current employees a first introduction to FERS, and to give new employees basic information on their retirement benefits. We will do an advance special mailing to you as soon as we receive the first copies from printing.

Each agency will receive an initial distribution of the booklet which should be adequate to give to give each employee a copy. The distribution will be made through the existing FEHB open-season network. The first copies are scheduled to be shipped on September 29th. There is no charge for this initial distribution.

In addition, you will be receiving a "Rider Info" FPM bulletin about "riding" the requisition to order additional copies of the FERS booklet for continuing use. The "Rider" bulletin will be issued with the October 1986 list of upcoming OPM publications. There will be a small charge for these copies.

FERS Video

In a half hour TV news program format, this video provides basic information on the three parts of FERS: the Basic Benefit, Social Security, and the Savings Plan. It compares FERS benefits with CSRS benefits in several situations, and is appropriate for all employees.

The video can be purchased through the National Audiovisual Center at prices ranging from \$55.00 to \$110.00, depending on quantity ordered. Information on how to order copies is attached. A closed-caption version for hearing impaired employees will also be available in the future.

Previews are not available through the National Audiovisual Center. However, we will arrange a special showing at OPM and will notify you of the time and place.



### Conversion Materials


In 1987, we plan to have a detailed booklet, a more in-depth video (approximately one hour), and computational models to be used on PC's to provide the more detailed information employees will need to make their elections to move to FERS or to stay in CSRS.

### Information on Social Security

Although the conversion materials will contain detailed information on Social Security benefits specifically tailored to federal employees, a number of you have asked about what is available now from Social Security. The following pamphlets should be helpful in answering employees questions: "Your Social Security", "Estimating Your Social Security Retirement Check", "Government Pension Offset- How it May Affect You", "How Work Affects Your Social Security Checks", and "If You Become Disabled".

Since SSA updates these pamphlets annually, the supply available now is very limited. However, if you send them a consolidated list of mailing addresses for your operating personnel offices, SSA will send them reference sets of these publications. The address is:

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